

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINT, CA  
SUBJECT: QUEBEC MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS: A SIGNAL?

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SUNDAY (NOV. 6) THROUGHOUT MUCH OF QUEBEC PROVINCE WERE GENERALLY MARKED BY LIGHT TURNOUT -- IN THE RAIN IN MONTREAL -- AND FEW SURPRISES.

2. MOST INCUMBENTS WERE RETURNED TO OFFICE. A PRINCIPAL EXCEPTION WAS IN VERDUN WHERE LIBERAL MNA LUCIEN CARON WITH 51 PERCENT OF THE VOTES UNSEATED LONG-TIME MAYOR GARIEPY, WHO RAN A BAD THIRD. GILLES PROULX, WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY BEING SUPPORTED BY PQ, TOOK SECOND PLACE WITH 29 PERCENT. CARON PROMPTLY DUBBED RESULTS A "MINI-REFERENDUM" WHICH PROVED PEOPLE OF VERDUN AGAINST PARTI QUEBECOIS AND ITS AIMS. INTERESTINGLY, SEVERAL SUPPORTERS WERE ON RADIO THIS MORNING SAYING THAT WAS NOT THE POINT: THEY VOTED FOR HIM "BECAUSE HE IS ONE OF US."

3. WHATEVER THE REASON FOR CARON VICTORY, EARLY RETURNS INDICATE THAT ALL CANDIDATES WHO HAD BEEN PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS PEQUISTES OR HAVING SUCH SUPPORT APPEAR TO HAVE GONE DOWN TO DEFEAT, INCLUDING ROBERT LUSSIER IN REPENTIGNY FOR WHOM JACQUES PARIZEAU REPORTEDLY CAMPAIGNED.

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4. CARON ANNOUNCED DURING CAMPAIGN HE WOULD KEEP HIS SEAT AS MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IF ELECTED MAYOR (BUT NOT RUN AGAIN) SO NOT REPEAT NO PROVINCIAL BY ELECTION WILL BE NECESSITATED BY HIS VICTORY.  
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